

Resolution Honoring Simon ffitch

WHEREAS, Simon ffitch currently serves as the Division Chief of the State of Washington's Attorney General's Public Counsel Section where he represents residential and small business customers in utility rate cases; *and*

WHEREAS, After graduating from Portland's Lewis and Clark Law School, Mr. ffitch's first job out of law school was at Legal Aid, where many of his low-income clients had troubles with their power company; *and*

WHEREAS, Before moving to the Public Counsel Division, Simon ffitch served as an administrative law judge at both Oregon and Washington utilities commissions; *and*

WHEREAS, Simon ffitch was nominated to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service by the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates and was confirmed by then-Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin Martin on September 28, 2007; *and*

WHEREAS, As Becky Kramer from the Spokesman-Review put it; "[Simon] ffitch is a measured speaker, with the slightly ruffled look of a college professor;" and Gary Smith of the Independent Business Association said; "the guy appears to eat, live and sleep this stuff. He's a total crusader on the behalf of the public;" *and*

WHEREAS, Simon was a crucial member of the "State Members" of the board injecting humor along with a superb tactical sense into all the State member discussions;

WHEREAS, Simon's recent resignation from the Joint Board will be deeply felt by his State member colleagues, past and present, who will greatly miss his reasoned thinking, his always calm and collegial dealings with his colleagues, his passionate advocacy of a robust and meaningful state role in shaping communications public policy, and his ever-present dedication to the public interest; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2012 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends its sincere appreciation to Simon ffitch for his years of public service to the ratepayers of Washington and to America through his service on the Joint Board, and wishes him great success in all his future endeavors.

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